

HOUSE RESOLUTION 233

By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to recognize John Michael Tracy, Jr., on becoming an Eagle Scout.

WHEREAS, at a time when this nation's youth face difficult challenges, the Boy Scouts of America is one of our finest assets, providing young people with an educational program that contributes significantly to their character development, citizenship training, and improved mental and physical fitness; and

WHEREAS, the highest rank a Boy Scout can attain is that of Eagle Scout and John Michael Tracy, Jr., after considerable effort and diligent preparation, has joined the prestigious Eagle Court of Honor; and

WHEREAS, a student of St. Benedict at Auburndale High School, John Tracy has demonstrated considerable ability as a leader among his peers, maintaining a 4.2 grade point average and earning recognition as an Honor Roll student; and

WHEREAS, John is involved in several respectable clubs and organizations, such as National Honor Society, the Mock Trial Team, and Rhodes College's Model United Nations Competition; and

WHEREAS, his notable record of achievement as a member of Boy Scout Troop 265 includes receipt of the Arrowman of the Year Award, the Ad Altari Dei Youth Religious Award, and the Pope Pius XII Youth Religious Award and distinguished service as Junior Assistant Scoutmaster, Senior Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, and Troop Guide. He has further brought renown upon himself and his troop through his diligent service in the Order of the Arrow as Troop Representative, Vice Chief of Administration, Brotherhood Committee Chairman, and Chapter Secretary; and

WHEREAS, John's Eagle project greatly contributed to the betterment of his community and reflected the true spirit of Volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, John Tracy also contributes his time and numerous talents to many worthy community organizations, such as the City of Oakland Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, Students Against Destructive Decisions, the Spanish Club, Teens for Life, Fayette Cares, P.R.E., the Special Olympics, and the National Catholic Youth Conference; and

WHEREAS, he evinces his devout religious faith as an active member of St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church, where he has dutifully served as an Altar Server and Junior Vice President of the youth group; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we should pause to recognize John Tracy as one of the most outstanding young people in our state; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate John Michael Tracy, Jr., on becoming an Eagle Scout, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final resolving clause omitted from such copy.